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SUBJECT: SALYUT-4 SOLAR PANEL DESIGN

DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS TO NASA

1. IN A TASS DISHATCH OF JANUARY 14, SPECIAL
CORRESPONDENT NIKOLAI ZHELEZNOV REPORTS THAT THE SPACE
FLIGHT CONTROL CENTER THAT UNLIKE SALYUT-1 THE THREE
TAIL SOLAR CELL PANELS OF SALYUT-4 ARE INDIVIDUALLY
ORIENTABLE TOWARD THE SUN.

2. HE QUOTES KONSTANTIN FEOKTISTOV AS FOLLOWS:
(AL "WHETHER WE WANT IT OR NOT RPT NOT THE FUTURE OF
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IS ALREADY FIRMLY CONNECTED
WITH MANS LENGTHY FLIGHTS IN SPACE. I BELIEVE THAT THE
EXPERIENCE OF OUR 'SALYUTS' AND THE RESULTS OF
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONS ON THE 'SKYLAB' STATION GIVE US
REASON TO STATE THAT IN THE FUTURE TERRESTRIAL SCIENCE
WILL EXPAND ITS ORBITING LABORATORIES."

(B) "IT WAS ONLY THREE YEARS AGO THAT SCIENCE
ORBITED ITS FIRST LABORATORY, THE 'SALYUT-1', AND
THE MAIN THING NOW WAS TO ACCUMULATE INFORMATION
IN ORDER TO EVOLVE COMPREHENSIVE METHODS OF STUDYING
BOTH THE UNIVERSE AND OUR PLANET FROM ORBITING
STATIONS."

3. PLEASE INFORM FRUTKIN AT NASA OF ABOVE.

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